

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

Met at twenty minutes after one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we pause for a moment of reflection and prayer to acknowledge Your presence and thank You for the many blessings which we enjoy as citizens of this country and Commonwealth. Inspire us to use our material and spiritual resources wisely and prudently. Today, we express our thanks for the service, dedication and public concern to the members of the House of Representatives who will complete their years of public service soon. We are grateful for the personal sacrifices which they have made to promote the common good and a stable society. We also pray that spirit and reality of public service will remain a priority in our communities and in minds and hearts of the electorate.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Speaker, the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointments of the Speaker.

Robert H. Goddard Council.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representatives Daniel E. Bosley of North Adams (co-chairperson) and Michael J. Rodrigues of Westport to the Robert H. Goddard Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education (established pursuant to section 8 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006).

Order.

On motion of Mr. Moran of Boston,—

Brian Paul Golden.

Ordered, That former Representative Brian Paul Golden of Boston be authorized to offer remarks relative to his retirement from the House of Representatives in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

Communications.

Energy efficiency standards.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws submitting proposed amendments to Regulation 9 (225 CMR 9.00) relative to energy efficiency standards, testing and certification of certain appliances (House, No. 5358) was referred to the committees on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, acting jointly. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications

From the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Community College submitting recommended procedures for implementing the public higher education endowment incentive program;

Berkshire Community College.

From the Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth (established pursuant to section 67 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 129 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2006) submitting a list of the members of said commission to be sworn in on January 8, 2007;

Gay and Lesbian Youth Commission.

From the Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (under the provisions of items 6000-0100 and 6010-0001 contained in section 2 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2006) submitting certain reports relative to expenditures for transportation projects in the Commonwealth; and

Transportation projects, expenditures.

From Wonderland Greyhound Park, Inc. (under the provisions of Paragraph 7 of Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws) submitting copies of contracts for the simulcasting of dog races;

Wonderland Greyhound Park, Inc., simulcasting.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Director of the Biologic Laboratories of the University of Massachusetts (under the provisions of section 43 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) for the fiscal year 2006;

Biologic Laboratories.

Of the Commissioner of Insurance (under the provisions of paragraph 2 of clause F of section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) relative to a summary of insurance claims experience and loss ratio data on credit life insurance and credit accident and health insurance;

Credit insurance.

Of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (under the provisions of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) for the fiscal year 2006;

Merrimack Valley Transit Authority.

Of the Department of Education (under the provisions of Section 432 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) relative to the provision of special education to eligible students for the period ending October 31, 2006; and

Special education.

Of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority (under the provisions of Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1960) for the fiscal year 2006;

U. Mass, Building Authority.

Quarterly report of Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (under the provisions of Section 71 of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) relative to the status of the Emerging Technology Fund for the period ending June 30, 2006;

Emerging Technology Fund.

Monthly reports of the Division of Unemployment Assistance (under the provisions of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2003) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for the months of October and November, 2006; and

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Special report (under the provisions of item 4400-1001 contained in section 2 of chapter 139 of the Acts of 2006) of Project Bread relative to the progress of certain programs to alleviate and prevent

Project Bread, nutrition programs.

hunger in the Commonwealth and to expand participation in federal nutrition programs;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Richard
Spicer,
creditable
service.

Mrs. Coppola of Foxborough presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5359) of Virginia M. Coppola and John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the retirement board of the town of Norwood be authorized to grant certain creditable service for retirement purposes to Richard Spicer; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Auburn,
land
conveyance.

A Bill amending the authority of the town of Auburn to convey a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 2738) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Human service
providers,
wages.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill to provide for reimbursement of human service providers for increases in minimum wage rates (Senate, No. 694), and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means,—accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Valedictory Addresses.

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The following members, who were not returning for the 2007-2008 Legislative session, then addressed the House regarding their departure from service in the House of Representatives: Representatives Coppola of Foxboro; Teahan of Whitman; Gomes of Harwich; O'Brien of Kingston; Pope of Wayland; Parente of Milford; Paulsen of Belmont; Owens-Hicks of Boston; Goguen of Fitchburg; Leary of Worcester; and Travis of Rehoboth. Former Representative Golden of Boston also addressed the House.

The Speaker also recognized Representatives Broadhurst of Methuen; Candaras of Wilbraham; Carron of Southbridge; and Keenan of Southwick, who would not be returning for the 2007-2008 Session. The Speaker then also recognized the presence of former Representative Peter J. Larkin of Pittsfield, who had resigned during the 2005-2006 session.

Silent Prayer.

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prayer.

At the request of the Speaker, the members, guests and employees then stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of former Representatives Deborah D. Blumer of Framingham, Edward G. Connolly of Everett and Michael J. Coppola of Foxboro, who passed away during the 2005-2006 session.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-five minutes after four o'clock P.M., on further motion of Mr. Petrolati, the House adjourned, to meet on Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.